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1. On 18 September the 2 and 3 Armies of the 21 Army Group* were ordered to Kweilin and Liuchou (109-16, 24-18) from Leiyang (112-50, 26-26) and Ch'emsien (112-59, 25-18) to fight Nationalist guerrillas on the Kwangsi-Indochina border. Guerrilla activities have increased because of the gradual withdrawal of LIN Piao's troops from Kwangsi to the north. On 1 October two battalions of LIN's troops were still in Changsha.
2. On 19 September Soviet advisers held a conference with CHANG Yun-i (張雲逸), Kwangsi Governor; CH'EN Ma-yuan (陳漫遠), first deputy governor of Kwangsi; and HO Wen-hua (莫文華)** committee chairman of the Kwangsi Military District. The only detail of the meeting known is that the Soviets suggested the mobilization of one and one-half million men in Kwangsi for organization and training. The Soviets also promised CHANG that the USSR would send special advisers to help Kwangsi execute the plan. A census is underway to determine men available.
3. During September over 100,000 Chinese Communist troops who moved from Lungchou (106-56, 22-22) to Chenpien (105-50, 23-24) were commanded by CHANG Yun-i, who is also acting governor of Yunnan.***
4. On 20 September over 10,000 Chinese Communist troops from Kwangsi joined Ho Chi Minh's forces in Indochina. The main elements consisted of artillery and engineers, and a substantial number of Japanese troops from LIN's army. All were wearing Viet Minh Army uniforms and insignia.****
5. It was rumored in September that the USSR will soon supply 80 Soviet planes to Ho Chi Minh.

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* [REDACTED] Comment. [REDACTED] from the same source reports these units in

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Chungsha as of 25 August 1950.

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Comment. See [redacted] and referenced reports concerning the 21 Army Group.

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*** [redacted] Comment. Although place of the meeting is not stated here, from a similar source, states that MO Wen-hua left Canton for Hankow on 16 September.

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*** [redacted] Comment. According to available information, CH'EN Keng is governor of Yunnan.

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*** [redacted] Comment. See [redacted] concerning Chinese Communist troops in Viet Minh Army uniforms.

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